

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Upper Marlboro Survey District Inventory Number: PG: 79-19
Address: _____ Historic district: X yes no
City: Upper Marlboro Zip Code: 20772 County: Prince Georges
USGS Quadrangle(s): Upper Marlboro
Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: 0101
Project: TEA-21 DOE Agency: Maryland Historical Trust
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust
Preparer's Name: Daniel Sams Date Prepared: 4/7/2004
Documentation is presented in: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staf X yes no Name: Day, Sams, Tune Date: 3/3/2004

Description of Property and Justification (Please attach map and photo)

Although Upper Marlboro has a variety of early nineteenth century farm houses, the cohesiveness of the downtown area has been brutally altered by the intrusion of many large-scale government buildings and open lots and non-contributing buildings. This survey district contains another survey district called Northwest Marlboro, mainly consisting of a street called Rectory Lane comprised of early-to-mid 20th-century houses. This has been previously determined ineligible by MHT (PG: 79-19-40). The resources in both these survey districts are too widely scattered to compose a large historic district.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended X
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MHT Comments:

Daniel Sams
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Peter Kurtze
Reviewer, National Register Program

Wednesday, April 07, 2004

Date

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Date

#7.

The Elm Street survey area in Upper Marlboro encompasses Elm Street on the north, the east side of Marlboro Pike as the west boundary, and the north side of Main Street as the south boundary. Contained within these bounds are fourteen structures, both dwellings and service buildings, which contribute to the historic and architectural character of the area. There are no non-contributing building within the defined survey area. Four of the dwellings are County Historic Sites.

Inventory

Elm Street Survey Area

C = Contributing

NC = Noncontributing

1. (C) P.G. #79-51, Old Marlboro Primary School, (ca. 1880's), 14554 Elm Street, map 101, parcel 25.

A one story, five-by-two-bay gable roof frame structure. The five bay south (main) facade has a one story, one bay gable roof screened entrance vestibule with a decorative wood shingled pediment. Windows are 6/6 sash with louvered shutters. The building is sided with wood rough shingle and roofed with asphalt shingle. It rests on a cement block foundation. The west gable end has a projecting semi-octagonal bay and an exterior chimney. The interior of the building has been altered for office use. It

is situated on a terraced knoll, overlooking schoolhouse pond, to its rear.

This building is the site of a female school established in 1867 by the County's first public Board of School Commissioners. This building was built in the 1880's as a public elementary school. Old photographs depict its vestibule surmounted by a bell tower, and two triangular dormers on its south roof slope. It was renovated in 1921 as a residence for the principal of the adjoining Marlboro High School.

2. (C) P.G. #79-52, Old Marlboro High School, (1921, 1934) 14524 Elm Street, map 101, parcel 25.

A complex building, with a two story ten-by-five bay rectangular block enlarged by the addition of a long two story brick wing to the south (front) facade. The original rectangular ca. 1921 high school had a south entrance and a flat roof with a stepped parapet, in the Mission style. The east, west and north facades of this structure are still visible behind the present structure. The ca. 1934 brick wing has a rectangular main block of seven bays, flanked by four one story three bay blocks, two to the east and two to the west, following the curve of the hillside. This addition, in the Colonial Revival style, has a center band of five large windows surmounted by fanlights. Doors are embellished by cement architrave surrounds and there is a cement

molding along the flat parapet. The hill on which the school is located is terraced and overlooks schoolhouse pond, to the north.

The 1934 high school is the latest in a series of schools on this site, beginning with the Marlboro Academy in 1835. Schoolhouse Pond takes its name from the long history of schools there. The Academy originally was located in the 18th century Dr. William Beans house, on the site. That structure burned in 1855, and a new Academy was built. In 1908 the Academy entered into an agreement with the County's Board of Education whereby the property would be used as a public high school. The Mission style high school built in 1921 to replace the old Academy building is still visible above the roofline of the present 1934 structure. The building is now owned by the County and used as offices.

3. (C) Jenkins House, (ca. late 19th c.) 14518 Elm Street, map 101, parcel 158.

A two story frame, side gable building with a center front cross gable on its south (main) facade. The center entrance is sheltered by a hipped roof, three bay screened entrance porch. Windows are 2/2 sash with side board surrounds. The house is covered with asbestos shingle, the roof with asphalt shingle. There is no cornice, but there are overhanging eaves. There are

one bay east and west gable ends and an extended north (rear) roof slope, as well as a gable roof rear wing. A diamond window is centered in the front cross gable. A corbelled brick chimney rises at the roof ridge, above the first bay.

The house is significant for its late 19th century Vicitorian vernacular architecture. Features such as its roofline with center front cross gable, diamond window, entrance porch, fenestration and building height contribute to the character of the survey area. Set close to the street on a curve in the road, it is an especially noticeable landmark.

4. (C) Emily Hill House, (ca. early 20th c.), 14510 Elm Street, map 101, parcel 144.

A one story, front gable frame dwelling of three-by-two bays, covered with aluminum siding. Entrance is in the first bay of the two bay gable end. It is sheltered by a one bay, gable roof screened porch of recent construction. Windows are 6/1 double-hung-sash. There is a wide raking board and a boxed covering of the rafter ends. The roof is covered with asphalt shingle, a brick chimney rises from the roof ridge. The house is set below street level, reached by several cement steps down from the sidewalk.

Although altered by the addition of aluminum siding, this modest dwelling contributes to the architectural character of the survey area. Its roofline, setback, old construction materials and fenestration identify it as a turn-of-the century vernacular dwelling. Its small scale, set on a small town lot reinforce the nature of Elm street as a quite side street.

5. (C) (ca. late 19th early 20th c.) 14506 Elm Street, map 101, parcel 146.

A two story, frame three-by-one bay side gable building with a one story lean-to addition across the north (rear). There is central entrance in the three-bay south (main) facade, sheltered by a gable roofed one-bay screened porch. Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash. There are only two second level windows on the main facade, very small and set just below the roofline. There is no cornice, only a plain raking board. The gable ends are unfenestrated save for a rectangular window in the upper west gable. The building is covered with aluminum siding and has an asphalt shingle roof. An exterior brick chimney rises at the east corner of the rear facade. The house is set below street level and is reached by several cement steps down from the sidewalk.

Like 14510 Elm Street, this dwelling is significant for its vernacular architecture and its small scale, set on a town lot.

6. (C) P.G. #79-19b, Jarboe-Bowie House, (ca. 1852), 14505 Elm Street, map 101, parcel 151.

A County Historic Site, this two story gable roof frame structure of three-by-three bays is square in plan. The three bay south (main) facade has entrance in the first bay, though a six-panel door with seven-light transom and four-light sidelights. The three bay shed roof entrance porch has Doric columns. There are 6/6 windows at first level and 3/3 windows at second level. The second level windows are small, set just below the boxed cornice. The main facade is German sided, the rest of the building covered with aluminum siding. The roof is wood shingled, the foundation a combination of brick and cement block. Two interior brick chimneys flank the gable ridge on the east gable end.

This dwelling was built by Reuben Bunnell, a Marlboro carpenter responsible for other dwellings in the area, including the house at 14500 Elm Street. The house was inhabited by William A. Jarboe, Register of Wells and Clerk of the Courts, from 1852-62. The building is an excellent example of ca. 1850's vernacular architecture with local interpretations of Greek Revival stylistic elements. It contributes both historically and architecturally to the survey area.

7. (C) P.G. #79-19a, Turner House, (ca. 1850-55), 14500 Elm Street, map 101, parcel 148.

A County Historic Site, this two-and-one-half story frame, gable roof structure has a rectangular plan with a one story west wing. The three bay south (main) facade has entrance in the first bay, sheltered by a one bay porch with a pedimented gable roof supported on ten-sided hollow wood pillars. Windows are 6/6 sash with louvered shutters. The building is sided with white-painted asphalt shingle and has an asphalt shingle roof and a boxed returned cornice. Interior chimneys flank the gable ridge on the east gable end. The west gable end of the main block has the two bay, one story gable roofed wing, with two high interior brick chimneys flanking the roof ridge on its west gable end. A ca. 1980 sun porch is on the north (rear) side of the wing.

The house was built by Reuben Bunnell, an Upper Marlboro carpenter, also responsible for 14505 Elm Street. Thomas J. Turner occupied the house soon after it was built, and owned it through 1891. Turner founded and published the Planter's Advocate, a pro-south newspaper. Restored by its present owner, the house is a fine example of ca. 1850's vernacular architecture with Greek Revival style elements. It is a landmark on its corner lot.

8. (C) P.G. #79-18, Digges-Sasscer House, 14507 Elm Street, map 101, parcel 153.

A County Historic Site, this two story gable roofed frame dwelling is five-by-two bays with a facade-wide entrance sheltering the central entrance on the north (main) facade. The windows are 2/2 sash with black louvered shutters. The cornices are returned in the gable ends, and there are two internal chimneys at the roof ridge. The house is covered with horizontal wood siding and rests on a brick foundation. It is covered by a new cedar shake roof. A four bay, gable roofed wing extends south from the rear of the main block. Part of this wing probably pre-dates the main house.

This house has always been occupied by prominent Prince George's citizens. The two area lot was purchased in 1843 by Daniel C. Digges, a lawyer appointed to the County Court, and later to the Maryland House of Delegates. Digges built the main section of the house, incorporating the older south wing. William A. Jarboe, owner of 14505 Elm Street, owned it from 1860 to 1882. It was acquired by the Sasscer family in 1887 and remains in their possession. The house is an excellent example of ca. 1840's vernacular architecture with Greek Revival stylistic details. Its history and architectural features contribute to the character of the survey area, as does its setting. The house is set on a two-and-one-half acre lot shaded by mature trees and encircled by a board fence with front and rear brick gate posts. It has several 19th century frame outbuildings, including a two-by-two bay, white-painted frame stable with a wood shingled

gable roof, fronting on Marlboro Pike. The spacious yard and 19th century outbuildings contribute to a setting that has not changed significantly since the late 19th and early 20th century.

9. (C) (ca. 1930's) 14515 Elm Street, map 101, parcel 154.

This one story rectangular, side gable structure is set on a high cement foundation. Of three-by-three bays, windows are 6/1 sash, some double. The center entrance on the north (main) facade is sheltered by a gable roof screened entrance porch. The building has an asphalt shingle gable roof and is covered with horizontal wood siding.

The building is significant for its bungalow style architecture and for its setting. Set back from the road on a large, tree-shaded lot, it contributes to the character of the survey area.

10. (C) P.G. #79-17, Trelawn, (ca. 1870's) 14519 Elm Street, map 101, parcel 161.

A County Historic Site, this is a three section frame house, the main block a two-and-one-half story gabled roofed structure with returned bracketed cornice and a round-arched window at left level in the north gable end. Entrance is a wide door with transom and sidelights in the east bay of this north gable end,

sheltered by a hipped roof porch on chamfered posts. The former entrance is a double door in the third bay of the east facade. The house is covered with horizontal wood siding and has an asphalt shingle roof. Windows are 6/6 sash with wood sills and green louvered shutters. Two interior chimneys flank the gable ridge between second and third bays on the east and west facades. A two story, three bay wing extends to the south, and from it a one story, gable roofed kitchen wing forms the southern-most element.

The house was built in the 1870's by Joseph Kent Roberts, Jr., a lawyer in Upper Marlboro. A hotel formerly stood on the site, and some decorative elements of the house are from this earlier building. The house has elements of Italianate and Greek Revival styles, and the main block has a plan typical of the residences of successful planters, merchants and professionals built in the County from the 1840's through the 1860's.

Set on a knoll, on a three-and-one-half acre, tree shaded lot, the setting and architecture of the house contribute to the character of the survey area.

11. (C) P.G. #79-55, Owens-Dyer House, (ca. 1915), 14508 Main Street, map 101, parcel 186.

A two story hipped roof frame dwelling of four-by-four bays, with entrance in the first bay of the east facade, which fronts on a service alley off the north side of Main Street. The hipped roof entrance porch wraps around the north, east, and south sides of the house, resting on Doric columns. Windows are 1/1 sash with black louvered shutters. The house is covered with narrow horizontal wood siding and rests on a cement-parged brick foundation. There are two-story, semi-octagonal bays at the northeast and southwest corners of the house.

The house is significant as an excellent example of an early twentieth century suburban dwelling, constructed in a simplified version of the Queen Ann style. It was built by Claude H. Owens, an employee of the Bank of Southern Maryland at Main and Elm streets in Upper Marlboro.

Set on a knoll overlooking Main Street, surrounded by mature trees and a white wooden picket fence, the architecture and setting of the house contribute to the character of the survey area.

12. (C) (ca. 1920's), 14504 Main Street, map 101, parcel 183.

A one story, rectangular dwelling with a hipped slate roof, constructed of yellow brick. Of three-by-three bays, the facades, are marked by large triple 1/1 windows with wide board

surrounds. A wide frieze land runs around the building beneath overhanging eaves. The south (main) facade has a hipped roof, two bay entrance bay, with entrance through glass sliding doors surmounted by a long, single-light transom.

The house is significant for its bungalow architectural style and for its attractive use of brick, wood and slate materials. It is set on a knoll, surrounded by high evergreen bushes. Its architecture and setting a feature contributing to the character of the survey area.

13. (C) (ca. 1920's) 14500 Main Street, map 101, parcel 182.

A one story frame, side gable structure, set on a high cement foundation, on a corner lot. Of three-by-four bays, entrance is in the center bay of the three bay south (main) facade, through double multi-light doors. The entrance is sheltered by a two bay gable roof screened porch. Windows are 6/6 sash with wide board surrounds. Some are double. The roof is asphalt shingled, the house covered with German siding.

The house is significant for its bungalow architectural style. Set on a large corner lot with mature flowering trees, its architecture and setting contribute to the character of the survey area.

The block bounded by Elm Street on the north and Main Street on the south is bisected by a service alley, also a contributing feature to the survey area. The alley is lined by 19th and early 20th century frame service buildings, wood fencing, trees and bushes. The spacious green setting, winding land and view of 19th and early 20th century dwellings and service buildings is unique in the County.

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Upper Marlboro Survey District

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Upper Marlboro and Bristol Quadrangles



Photos
are properties within the
Upper Marlboro Survey Area
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NAME 14800 BLOCK MAIN ST. L. 14823 JAS. E. DIGGS HSE. , R. PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE 14821
LOCATION " " UPPER MARLBORO, Md.
FACADE W.
PHOTO TAKEN 4/17/73 M. DWYER

PG 79-19
within Upper Marlboro Survey Area



NAME 14800 BLOCK MAIN ST. (R. TO L. 14821, 14823, 14825, 14827) PG: 79-19
LOCATION " " UPPER MARLBORO, Md. within Upper Marlboro
FACADE W. Survey Area
PHOTO TAKEN 4/17/73 M. DWYER



NAME 14800 BLOCK MAIN ST. (L. TO R. 14827, 14825, 14823, 14821) Within Upper Marlboro
LOCATION " " UPPER MARLBORO, Md. Survey Area
FACADE N.W.
PHOTO TAKEN 4/17/73 M. DWYER